

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Section 63.63 Application of)	
AT&T Corp.)	
BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.)	File No.
BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC)	
SBC Long Distance)	
Teleport Communications America, LLC)	
)	
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)	
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)	

SECTION 63.63 APPLICATION OF AT&T

AT&T Services, Inc. on behalf of its affiliates AT&T Corp., BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, SBC Long Distance, and Teleport Communications America, LLC, collectively referenced herein as “AT&T”, seeks emergency authorization under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (“the Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.63 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, to suspend AT&T’s interstate telecommunications services until services can be restored.

As required by Section 63.63(a) of the Commission’s rules, AT&T provides the following information:

(1) The effective date of such discontinuance, reduction, or impairment, and the identification of the service area affected;

AT&T’s services were discontinued on March 3, 2019 after the Beauregard-Smiths Station tornado landed in eastern Alabama.

(2) The nature and estimated duration of the conditions causing the discontinuance, reduction, or impairment;

On March 3, 2019, a violent EF-4 tornado (Beauregard-Smiths Station tornado) traveled through eastern Alabama in eastern Macon County and Smiths Station in Lee County.¹ The tornado destroyed many facilities in its path such as a cell tower, buildings, utility poles, and cable facilities.

After assessing damage in the field, AT&T determined that its damage was limited to one distribution area (DA) in the impacted area.²

AT&T's Outside Plant Construction and Engineering personnel remain on site and continue their work to restore services in that DA.³

(3) The facts showing that such conditions could not reasonably have been foreseen by the carrier in sufficient time to prevent such discontinuance, reduction, or impairment;

As noted above, the discontinuance of service was caused by the Beauregard-Smiths Station tornado, which was completely beyond AT&T's control.

¹ https://www.weather.gov/bmx/event_03032019

² See Attachment A.

³ AT&T has undertaken emergency restoral activities pursuant to the Limited Exemption from Advance Notice and Timing Requirements triggered by a disaster recovery plan, *see* 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.333(g)(1) ("Force Majeure Waiver"). Once restoral assessments are completed, AT&T will file the relevant network change notifications associated with any network changes that were a direct result of damage to the AT&T network infrastructure caused by the event.

(4) A description of the services involved;

AT&T provides numerous residential and business interstate voice, private line, data and video services in this area.⁴

(5) The nature of service which will be available or substituted;

AT&T plans to restore services to all areas it served before the Beauregard-Smiths Station tornado. AT&T is deploying a variety of technologies and configurations in an effort to restore services in an expedited fashion and is concurrently deploying long-term restoral solutions. AT&T will update the Commission, as needed, if it determines that it will discontinue offering any of its existing services.

(6) The effect upon rates to any person in the community;

AT&T is unaware of any effect this suspension may have upon rates to any person in the community.

(7) The efforts made and to be made by applicant to restore the original service or establish comparable service as expeditiously as possible.

AT&T is restoring its facilities in the area impacted by the tornado.

Conclusion:

AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission grant AT&T's Section 63.63 Application to suspend AT&T's interstate services where its facilities were damaged in

⁴ See AT&T Corp. Service Publications: AT&T Business Service Guide, Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 Consumer Telecommunications Service, Domestic Service Guides, F.C.C. Tariff No. 2, F.C.C. Tariff No. 4; BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. Service Publications: Residential Service Guide, Business Service Guide, F.C.C. Tariff No. 3, F.C.C. Informational Tariff; BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Florida Service Publications: Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 – Access Services; Tariff F.C.C. No. 2 – Special Construction; Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 – Radiotelephone Message Telecommunications Service and Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 – Interstate IntraLATA Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service; SBC Long Distance Service Publications: Tariff F.C.C. No. 18, Tariff F.C.C. No. 19, Voice Product Reference and Pricing Guidebook for Interexchange, Interstate and International Service; Teleport Telecommunications America, LLC Service Publications: AT&T Business Service Guide, F.C.C. Tariff No. 2.

the Smiths Station area of Alabama until these services can be rebuilt as discussed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

Attachment A – Map of Geographic Area Impacted by Beauregard-Smith Station Tornado

